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**Planters Agreeing to the Abolition of Slavery—  
Disposition of the Freedmen—The Cholera  
and Smallpox in Havana—Arrival of the  
Severn.**

HAVANA, July 2, 1870.

M. La Forrest has assumed the duties of French Consul here.

A meeting of planters and wealthy slave owners was held at the Governor General's Palace last night. The parties were unanimous in their approval of the abolition of slavery by the Cortes of the mother country and in their disposition to obey the laws, but request that they may be consulted as to the manner of carrying out the law so as to prevent the negroes from becoming vagrants; and also to organize a system by which agricultural interests will be maintained. The slaves will remain with their present masters, but will be placed under contract and will receive the same pay for their services as is paid to other freedmen.

There are about the usual number of cholera cases daily. There were seven deaths yesterday. There is no perceptible increase in the deaths from vomito. The smallpox is quite prevalent.

The flagship *Severn*, Admiral Poor, has arrived here from Key West.

Exchange—On London, 15½ a 16 per cent premium; on the United States, sixty days' sight, in currency, 7¼ per cent discount; on the United States, short sight, in currency, 6 per cent discount; on the United States, sixty days' sight, in gold, 3¼ a 4¼ per cent premium; on the United States, short sight, in gold, 5 a 5½ per cent premium.

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